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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIRAL HEPATITIS PROGRAM
1 5 AND STUDY.
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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 9 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.20A VIRAL HEPATITIS PROGRAM
1 10 == VACCINATIONS AND TESTING == STUDY.
1 11 1. If sufficient funds are appropriated by the general
1 12 assembly, the department shall establish and administer a
1 13 viral hepatitis program. The goal of the program shall be to
1 14 distribute information to citizens of this state who are at an
1 15 increased risk for exposure to viral hepatitis regarding the
1 16 higher incidence of hepatitis C exposure and infection among
1 17 these populations, the dangers presented by the disease, and
1 18 contacts for additional information and referrals. The
1 19 program shall also make available hepatitis A and hepatitis B
1 20 vaccinations, and hepatitis C testing.
1 21 2. The department shall establish by rule a list of
1 22 individuals by category who are at increased risk for viral
1 23 hepatitis exposure. The list shall be consistent with
1 24 recommendations developed by the centers for disease control,
1 25 and shall be developed in consultation with the Iowa viral
1 26 hepatitis task force. The department shall also establish by
1 27 rule what information is to be distributed and the form and
1 28 manner of distribution. The rules shall also establish a
1 29 vaccination and testing program, to be coordinated by the
1 30 department through local health departments and clinics.
1 31 3. The department shall conduct a study to provide an
1 32 epidemiological profile of hepatitis C and to assess its
1 33 current and future impact on the state. The department shall
1 34 submit a report to the members of the general assembly by
1 35 January 1, 2008, regarding the results of the study, and shall
2 1 include a status report regarding the development and
2 2 distribution of viral hepatitis information, and the results
2 3 of the vaccination and testing program.
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2 8 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
2 9 Speaker of the House
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2 13 JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
2 14 President of the Senate
2 15 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
2 16 is known as House File 2493, Eighty-first General Assembly.
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2 21 MARGARET THOMSON
2 22 Chief Clerk of the House
2 23 Approved _____, 2006
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2 27 THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor